

# REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Report of Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Society, held at 413 Dorchester Street West, Montreal, on Tuesday, January 28th, 1913.

The President, Mr. Wm. Francis Tye, called the meeting to order at 10.30 a.m.

The first business was the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Secretary then read the minutes, which the meeting confirmed.

The President stated that he was requested to call attention to the Introduction or Reception Committee and to its functions. As ordered at the last meeting an Introduction Committee had been appointed, and the members of it are, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Lewis Skaife and Mr. Francis. If any of the gentleman would like any information or introductions, one of these gentlemen would be glad to do anything for you.

## NOMINATION OF SCRUTINEERS

The following gentlemen were elected scrutineers for the election of officers, etc.—Mr. James Ewing (Chairman), S. Blumenthal, A. R. Ketterson, E. Fiset and Mr. Bates.

## AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The following gentlemen were elected:—Mr. Openshaw (Chairman), Mr. M. A. Downes, and Mr. G. E. L. Mallory.

## SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

The following gentlemen were elected:—Mr. E. S. M. Lovelace (Chairman), Mr. Shanly and Mr. Oliver.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL

The next business was the reception and adoption of reports. The first was the report of Council. The President asked if it had been distributed.

The Secretary (Prof. McLeod) Stated it had been distributed to the members and that it might be taken as read.

The President said this report of Council was very long and he thought they might take it as read. It would take up too much time to read it, and they all had copies of it. There should be a motion to receive this report. On the motion of Mr. T. C. Irving, seconded by Mr. Hunter the report of Council, as printed, was received.

The President said that they should first take up the report of the Council and afterwards pass on to the report of the Library and House Committee, and the other Committees. That report of Council ends on page fourteen, and the meeting must confine their discussion first of all to that.

The President asked if there were anyone wishing to say anything in regard to this report?

Mr. McNab said that he noticed the third paragraph dealt with the death of twenty-nine members. It seemed to him it would have been well if they had had the names of the departed confreres. Among those who were announced as deceased was one who was also a member of our Society. He referred to the late lamented Mr. Chandler. He would ask the Secretary to read the names of those—there are only twenty-nine—who have gone beyond.

Also, in the third paragraph it says that the number removed from the rolls aggregates forty-five. He would like to know what proportion of those forty-five were removed by straight resignation and what proportion by non-payment of dues, or if the two reasons go together.

The Secretary, answering Mr. McNab's questions as to the sub-division, there was a meeting some three years ago at which a statement was made to the effect that one gentleman had been removed for non-payment of dues and a certain number had resigned. That was taken exception to, and since that date they had been combined.

The Secretary then read the list of those who have died.

Mr. Irving said the name of Mr. C. Beresford Fox of Toronto was not

mentioned.

The Secretary stated that he had no information of that. He then read the list of resignations.

Mr. Mitchell asked if these were all resignations.

The Secretary assented and added that they are mostly students.

Mr. Mitchell felt that was rather a large number of resignations.

Could the Secretary give the proportion this year in comparison with former years, say five or six years ago? Was this number of resignations larger than usual, or smaller than usual; also, are these gentlemen those who are engaged actively in engineering work, or are they letting the Society go just out of lack of interest, or do they give reasons, such as having moved away, or having become engaged in other pursuits?

The Secretary stated that he could give detailed information if he referred to the correspondence. Answering Mr. Mitchell's first question, he did not think the number of resignations of corporate members has been as large as usual. The number of students is somewhat large because the Society are continually pressing them for payment of their dues, and they are continually going off into other lines of work than engineering and cannot make the transfer to the higher grade. Perhaps they do not desire to, but in many cases they cannot do so. That accounts for the large number of students who have resigned, but the number of corporate members is small. There are only five of the latter altogether. The actual causes for their resignations can be given, if required.

Mr. Leofred asked if the corporate members resigned because they think the Society is not useful to them, or something like that. They might say something in their letters to that effect. It would be interesting to know what they say.

The President stated that so far as he recollected he did not think they had had that advanced as a reason for any resignations during the year. It would take a very great deal of labour at the present time to produce all the reasons for the various resignations because it would be necessary to go through all the correspondence for the year.

Mr. Vaughan called the meeting's attention to the fact that this year both for non-payment and resignations only two members left, and 27 came in.

The Secretary stated that the actual number of those who were removed for non-payment of dues was 17 associate members, 2 juniors and 27 students. Some of these on the former list would exceed this return because the total right up to the year was now presented and was not available at the time this report was made in the middle of December. This would be corrected.

Mr. Thomson stated that the Society did not charge fees enough to run the society.

Mr. McNab stated that he would like to refer now to page twelve, in which there was a copy of a letter sent by the Secretary as representing the Council, to the Premier of Canada, the Premier of British Columbia and the Ministers of Public Works and of Railways and Canals of Canada. He would like to ask if the replies to that letter could be read for the information of this meeting?

The President stated that the Council had received several very strong requests, from the British Columbia branch especially, to prosecute this and that they were pressing it as best they could.

Mr. Robinson then moved that the report of the Council concluded on page fourteen, be accepted.

Seconded and carried.

The President next took up the report of the Library Committee starting on page fifteen and ending on page twenty-two.

Lt.-Col. H. R. Lordly stated that the report of the Library Committee showed that thirteen books were purchased during the year, and fifteen were presented, making a total of twenty-eight. One hundred and twenty-five dollars was expended, of which forty-nine dollars was donated, making a net sum of seventy-six dollars given by the Society. It was possible that owing to the purchase of the new building and expenses incidental thereto the Council had not deemed it advisable to spend any more money, but he believed that there was a connection between this and the number of resignations which were quoted a few moments before. The Library is so poor, the additions to it are so slim, that when you spoke to a young